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MY LORD,

THE Times obvious diſcourſe, whereby that All which truly loves Nobleſs or Learning congratulates your highly deſerved Honor, cauſed me collect theſe, taken out of no obvious Monuments, touching the auncienteſt mention, conjunction, and diviſion of thoſe two Great Offices of State which your Lordſhip really bears, though ſtiled but by the name of one: they are ſhort, yet give large teſtimony of the former times. They conclude with an Act made about 320. years ſince, of like tenor in ſubſtance with that later under Queen *Eliz.* which was as proper to your name, whence theſe alſo were the fitter to offer you: Enough, other particulars touching both theſe Great Offices might have been added, but theſe were choſen for the uſual Queſtion of the preſent, and thus are given (not yet ſeen by any other eye) as a taſte of my humble Obſervance. My Lord, they are only yours, as their Author would be,

J. Selden.

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BRIEF DISCOURSE TOUCHING THE OFFICE OF Lord Chancellor of England, &c.

The Name and Office of Lord Chancellor *of* England *under the* Saxons.

THE eldeſt mention in good authority of the name of Chancellor of this Kingdom, is in *Edward* the elders time, about the year DCCCCXX. he made *Turketill* Abbot of *Croyland* his Chancellor. *Cancellarium ſuum eum conſtituit, ut quæcunque negotia temporalia vel ſpiritualia, Regis Judicium expectabant illius conſilio & decreto (nam tantæ fidei et tam profundi ingenij tenebatur) omnia tractarentur, & tractata irrefragabilem ſententiam ſortirentur.* This Abbot held the Office under *Athelſtan*, *Edmund* and *Edred* ſucceeding Kings. Temp. *Edw.* ſenioris & ſequentium Regum. *Ingulphus.*

King *Ethelred* afterwards divided the Chancellorſhip between the Abbots of *Ely*, and St. *Auguſtine* in *Canterbury*, and of *Glaſtenbury*, who were to exerciſe it by turn. The words of an Old Monk of *Ely* are, *Statuit atque conceſſit quatenus Eccleſia de* Ely *extunc & ſemper in Regis Curiâ, Cancellarii agerct dignitatem quod & aliis, Sancti viz.* Auguſtini & Glaſconiæ *Eccleſiis conſtituit, nt Abbates iſtorum Cœnobiorum viciſſim aſſignatis ſuccedendo temporibus annum trifariè dividerint,* Temp. *Ethelredi.*

cum Sanctuarii & cæteris ornatibus Altaris miniſtrando: So as the Abbot of *Ely*, or ſome Monk by him appointed, exerciſed the Office from *Candlemas* four moneths yearly, and the other two of *Glaſtenbury* and S^t. *Auguſtines* made up the twelve.

But there occurres not any ſubſcription in Charters by that name, till the Confeſſor, in his Patent to the Church of *Weſtminſter*; after the King, Biſhops, Abbots, and others, comes *Ego* Rembaldus *Cancellarius ſubſcripſi.*

Yet in the ancienteſt Monument of a Grant by any King extant here, I doubt not but the Chancellor ſubſcribed, though under another name.

Temp. *Ethelberti.* The firſt Chriſtian King of the *Saxons* founded and endowed *Canterbury* Church, and in his Charter amongſt the Earls, occurrs *Ego* Augemandus *Referendarius ſubſcripſi*; where *Referendarius* may well ſtand for *Cancellarius*, the Office of both (as the words applyed to the Court are uſed in the Code, Novells, and Story of the declining Empire) ſignifying an Officer that received Petitions and Supplications to the King, and made out his Writs and Mandates, as a *Cuſtos Legis*: And though there were divers *Referendarii*, as 14. then 8. then more again, and ſo divers Chancellors in the Empire; Yet one eſpecially here, exerciſing an Office of the nature of theſe many, might well be ſtiled by either of the names. Theſe are teſtimonies of that time without exception, though *Polydore* begin the Name and Office at the *Norman* Conqueſt.

II.

Whether the Keeping of a Seal, were in the Chancellorſhip under the Saxons.

FOR that Principal part of the Office, or that other Office joyned with the Chancellorſhip, the Keeping of the Seal; If the common Opinion were cleer, that under the *Saxon* State no Seals were here uſed, then were it vain to think of it as of that time. But there is yet remaining an *Edgar.* Old *Saxon* Charter of King *Edgar*, beginning, *A Orthodoxorum vigoris Eccleſiaſtici monitu creberrime inſtruimur*, &c. to the Abbey of *Perſore*, wherein divers Lands are given, and there remains in the Parchment plain ſignes of three Labells by the places cut for their being hanged on: and of the ſelf-

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ſame Charter a teſtimony alſo as ancient, that the Seals were, one of King *Edgar*, the ſecond of S^t. *Dunſtan*, and the third of *Alfer Ducis Merciorum*. That teſtimony is in a Letter from *Godfrie* Archdeacon of *Worceſter* to Pope *Alexander* III. writing of that Charter, and the Authority of it: *Noverit*, ſaith he, *Sanctitas veſtra, verum eſſe, quod conſcripti hujus ſcriptum originale in virtute Sanctæ Trinitatis ſigilla tria, trium perſonarum autenticarum, ad veritatem, triplici confirmatione commendat*; *Eſt autem Sigillum primum illuſtris Regis* Edgari; *ſecundum* Sancti Dunſtani Cantuarienſis *Archiepiſcopi*; *tertium* Alferi *Ducis* Merciorum; *ſicut ex diligenti literarum impreſſarum inſpectione evidenter accepi.* And it's reported by thoſe which have ſearched the Records of S^t. *Denys* Church in *France*, there remain two Charters, the one of one *Offa*, the other of one *Edgar*, with Seals annext; the one of which I have ſeen caſt off in Lead, and is about the breadth of a Shilling thick, and having a face on the one ſide. Likewiſe amongſt the *Chartæ Antiquæ*, divers being reckoned *cum Sigillo*, others *ſine Sigillo*; one is *cum Sigillo* of King *Cnout*, neither is there any colour of doubt but that the *Confeſſor* had his Seal, for the Print yet remains in part to be ſeen. But notwithſtanding theſe ſingular examples of Kings Sealing in the *Saxons* times, it's moſt certain it was not a thing common then; neither could any in the Chancellorſhip be denominated from Keeping the Seal, nor in any other Office. Curioſity in ſome particular occaſion ſwayed more in it, than any Cuſtom; Although we admit thoſe before mentioned for true, which may well be doubted, in regard of the frequent fraud and ignorance in committing it, which in the elder times poſſeſs'd the Church-men. But for the *Confeſſor*'s Seal, that was without ſcruple certain, and thence may we confidently derive the Great Seal of *England*.

In the Regiſter of *Croyland* it appears that the *Normans* brought in the uſe of Seals to Charters.

III.

Teſtimonies of the Chancellorſhip and Keeperſhip joyned, in times neer after the Norman *Invaſion.*

AS in the Monuments of the Confeſſor *Rembald* is named Chancellor; ſo under the firſt *William*, *Maurice* Biſhop of *London*, and in the ſucceeding times others. Old Stories of the Monks ſufficiently mention them. But little appears

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appears of the Office till the time of *H.* 2. under whom, one writing the life of *Thomas Beckett* that was Lord Chancellor, hath this moſt ancient teſtimony of it, and of Keeping the Seal alſo; *Cancellarii dignitas eſt, ut ſecundus à Rege in regno habeatur; ut altera parte Sigilli regii, quod & ad ejus pertinet cuſtodiam, propria ſignet mandata, ut Capella Regia in illius ſit diſpoſitione et cura, ut vacantes Archiepiſcopatus, Epiſcopatus, Abbatias & Baronias cadentes in manum Regis ipſe ſuſcipiat & conſervet; ut omnibus Regis aſſit conſiliis, etiam non vocatus, accedat; ut omnia Sigilliferi Clerici regii ſua manu ſignentur: Item ut ſuffragantibus, ex Dei gratia vitæ meritis, nòn moriatur, niſi Archiepiſcopus vel Epiſcopus ſi voluerit: Inde eſt quod Cancellaria non emenda eſt.* And another of the ſame time, *Cancellarius ſicut in Curiâ, ſic & ad Scaccarium magnus eſt; adeò ut ſine ipſius conſenſu vel conſilio nihil magnum fiat vel fieri debeat: verum hoc habet officium dum reſidet ad Scaccarium: Ad ipſum pertinet cuſtodia Sigilli regii, quod eſt in Theſauro; Sed indè nòn recedit niſi cum Præcepto Juſticiarii,* (that is Chief Juſtice of *England* that was a Viceroy) *ab inferiore ad ſuperius Scaccarium, à Theſaurario vel Camerario defertur ad explenda ſolum negotia Scaccarii; quibus peractis in loculum mittitur, & loculus à Cancellario conſignatur, & ſic Theſaurario traditur cuſtodiendus. Item cùm neceſſe fuerit, ſignatus ſub omnium oculis Cancellario offertur, nunquam ab ipſo vel ab alio alias offerendus. Item ad ipſum pertinet rotuli, qui eſt de Cancellaria, cuſtodia per ſuppoſitam perſonam.* Another about the time of *Edw.* 1. *Officium Cancellariæ viro provido & diſcreto ut Epiſcopo vel Clerico magnæ dignitatis debet committi, ſimul cum curâ majoris Sigilli regni, cujus ſubſtituti ſunt Cancellarii omnes in* Anglia, Hibernia, Wallia & Scotia. *Omneſque ſigilli regii cuſtodes præter Cuſtodem Sigilli privati.*

IV.

Of the Diviſion and Conjunction of Lord Chancellor and Lord Keeper, till an Old Act made that they ſhould be One.

Cart. 14 *Joh.* dorſo. *Walt. de Gray* Cancellar. & alii miſſi ad *Othonem* Imp. nepotem Regis *Johannis.*

BUT for that of *Cancellaria emenda nòn eſt*, an example not long after was, not only in truth to the contrary, but entred alſo in Publique Records; For *Walter de Gray*

Gray of the Family of the *Greyes* of *Rotherfeld* in *Oxfordſhire*, in 7th. of King *John*, *Dat. Domino Regi quinque millia Marcarum pro habendâ Cancellariâ Domini Regis totâ vitâ ſuâ; & pro habendâ inde Charta Domini Regis.* So are the words of the Roll, and the dayes of Payment are ſet down alſo; and in the Rolls of the ſame year occurrs, *Hic recepit W. Gray Cancellariam.* Yet had he not alwayes the Cuſtody of the Seal, for in the Charter Roll of that Year after the taking his Chancellorſhip there is but one Patent or Charter dated by him, as the faſhion then was, with *Dat. per manum W. de G. Cancellarii noſtri*, or the like.

In dorſo fin. 7 *Joh.* Pat. 14 *Joh.* m. 5. Carta Regis *W.* de *Carrio* de domo ſua de *Carrio* &c. Teſte *Will.* de *Briwer* apud *Weſtm.* 21. *Maii.* Carta Regis *Joh.* facta *Mauricio* de *Gant* de Manerio de *Barewe*, Teſte or Dat. per manum *Radulphi* de *Nevill* apud *Buttevill* 28 *Julii* an. 16. Pat. p. 2. m. 8. Et ibid. m. 4. *Ric. de Mariſcis* Cancellarius.

Thoſe that both follow and precede, are *Dat. per manum Hugonis de Welles Archidiaconi Wellenſis*, who, it ſeems, kept the Seal; and therefore he is expreſly called the King's Chancellor in ſome Monks that writ of that time, as others are for the ſame cauſe: Neither was it ever heard of them to have the Chancellorſhip granted, yet the Seal ſtill to Remain in another hand. For alſo while this *W. de Gray* was Chancellor, *Richard de Mariſco* whom *Matthew Paris* calls *Chancellor* too, and others miſreckon him for one had the keeping of the Seal, the Roll is *nono die Octobris anno regni Domini Regis* 15. *Liberavit Magiſter* Richardus de Mariſco *Archidiaconus* Richmond. & Northumbr. *Domino Regi Sigillum apud* Oſpring; and then on the 22. of *Decemb.* following, *apud* Windleſores *liberatum fuit Sigillum Domino* R. de Nevill, *deferendum ſub Domino* P. Wintonienſi *Epiſcopo*, that was *Peter de Roches* or *de Rupibus* Chief Juſtice of *England.* But this here out of the infallible teſtimony of Records touching *W. de Gray*, differs not a little in time from the relation of the Monk, notwithſtanding the Seal thus committed to *Ralf de Nevill* who had it alſo under *H.* 3. in the beginning of his Raign, *totius Regni ordinante conſenſu & conſilio*; yet the Patent and other Charters and cloſe Letters of the time, are, for the moſt part, *Per Rectorem Regni*, or *Teſte P. Wintonienſi Epiſcopo*, or *T. H. de Burgo* Chief Juſtice of *England* under *H.* 3. *Per eundem*; or *Per P. Wintonienſem Epiſcopum*, or the like. And yet alſo in Rolls of that time, where *Nevill* never at all makes the *Teſte*, or hath his name added, mention is of him

Pat. 17 *Joh.* m. 2. *R. de Mariſcis* Cancellar. 28 *Apr.* Et ib. in dorſ. idem Cancellarius miſſus *Romam.* Cart. 18 *Joh.* Rex dedit *Balduino* de *Guiſne* Manerium de *Benefeld* &c. Dat. per manum Magiſtri *Ric. de Mariſcis* Cancellarii noſtri apud *Nareas* 30 *Maii.* Pat. 15 *Joh.* p. 1. m. 8. Et fin. m. 5. *Walt. de Gray* Cancellar. Ib. m. 5. Idem factus fuit Epiſc. *Wigor.* Pat. 18 *Joh.* m. 5. *Ric.* de *Mariſco* Cancellar. 14 *Julii.* Cart. 17 *Joh.* m. 3. *Ric.* de *Mariſcis* Cancellarius.

for other uſes as belonging to the Office of Chancellorſhip; as the delivery of the Counterbriefs to him and *Fines*, &c. *mittend'* in *Scaccarium*, according to the uſe of that age. But although both Records and Story thus make *R. de Nevill* Lord Keeper from King *John* unto *H.* 3. yet had not he any Patent of either Chancellorſhip or Keeperſhip till 11 *H.* 3. where both a Patent of the Keeping of the Seal for life, either by himſelf or Deputy, and another of the Chancellorſhip of *England toto tempore vitæ ſuæ*, were made to him, both bearing the ſame Date.

Cart. 11 H. 3. p. 1. m. 28.

Yet after this alſo, through divers oppoſitions in State againſt the goodneſs and Noble Carriage of this *Ralf de Nevill*, the Seal was after unjuſtly taken from him, and reſtored again as his former right. And in 20 *H.* 3. the King would have had it from him, *Sed idem Cancellarius* (ſaith the Monk) *hoc facere renuit, videns impetum Regis modeſtiæ fines excedentem, dixitque ſe nullâ ratione hoc facere poſſe, cum illud communi conſilio Regni ſuſcepiſſet. Quapropter nec illud ſimiliter ſine communi aſſenſu Regni alicui reſignaret.* Yet in 22 *H.* 3. the King violently took it from him, and committed it to one *Godfrey* a Templar, and *John* of *Lexinton*; *Emolumentis tamen* (ſo ſayes the Story) *ad Cancellarium ſpectantibus, Epiſcopo quaſi Cancellario, redditis & aſſignatis.* Afterward one *Simon Norman* a Lawyer had it: and from him it was taken, and committed to *Richard* Abbot of *Eveſham*, who kept it three years, and then reſigned it in 26 *H.* 3. The Chancellor and Keeper (of right) *Nevill* was afterward reconciled to the King, and dyed 28 *H.* 3.

An. 13 *H.* 3. The King granted to *R.* Biſhop of *Chicheſter* the Chancellorſhip for life, to *Nov.* And likewiſe to the ſame *R.* the ſame office, An. 16 *H.* 3. 14 *Jun.* And by another Charter of the ſame date the Cuſtody of the Seal for life alſo, to exerciſe that Keeperſhip in perſon, or by an Attornee. Vide etiam Cart. 17 H. 3. pro eodem Epiſcopo de eiſdem Officiis pro termino vitæ ſuæ.

In the Acts of Parliament of which year, one is, That the Keeper of the Seal ſhould be alwayes the Chancellor, and that all things ſealed otherwiſe ſhould be voyd. The words are, *Si aliqua interveniente occaſione Dominus Rex abſtulerit Sigillum ſuum à Cancellario, quicquid fuerit interim ſigillatum, irritum habeatur & inane, Deinde Cancellario fiat reſtitutio.* And it appears otherwiſe that they alwayes took it unjuſtly done, if the Chancellorſhip and Keeperſhip were not in one: By Reaſon whereof, before that, in a Charter of King *John's* yet extant in ſome hands, of the Moderation of the Fees of the Seal, no perſon is ſpoken of but the Chancellor and his under

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Officers; as if it could not have been but that who ever had the Seal, the ſame ſhould only bee Chancellor.

According to that the Chancellorſhip and Keeperſhip were joyned in all the Chancellors under *Henry* the 3. and *Edward* the 1. moſt of which being made Biſhops, reſigned their Seal and Office, although afterward under the ſucceeding Kings ſometimes the Seal was committed to others hands upon ſome requiring occaſions; and ſome Lord Keepers were created in later times before Sir *Nicholas Bacon*, in whoſe time that Statute of 5 *Eliz.* was made.

A true CATALOGUE of the *Lord Chancellors* and *Keepers of the Great Seal of* England, from the *Norman Conqueſt*, untill this preſent Year 1671.

An. D. 1067. 1 *Will. Conq.* **M***Aurice* (afterwards Biſhop of *London.*) *Will. Malmsb. de Geſtis Pontif. lib. 2. f.* 134. *b.*

Oſmund (afterwards Biſhop of *Salisbury*) *Godw. de Præſul. p.* 389.

Anno 1073. 6 *W. Conq.* *Arfaſtus* (Biſhop of *Helmham*) *Pat.* 8 *E.* 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 3. *per Inſpex.*

Baldric; *Pat.* 8 *E.* 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 1. *per Inſpex.*

Herman Biſhop of *Shireburne.*

Will. Wilſon (Chaplain to the King) *Chron. Rob. de Monte.*

Will. Giffard (Biſhop of *Wincheſter*) *Cart.* 51 *H.* 3. *m.* 1. *per Inſpex.*

Will. Rufus. *Robert Bloet* (afterwards Biſhop of *Lincoln*) *R. Hoved. f.* 265 *b. n.* 30.

Henr. 1. *Will. Giffard* (Biſhop of *Wincheſter*) *Text. Roff. cap.* 6.

Roger (afterwards Biſhop of *Salisbury*) *W. Malm. f.* 91. *a. l.* 2.

: : : : : : : : : : *Geffrey Ridle* (afterwards Biſhop of *Durham*) *H. Hunt. f.* 228. *b.* 10.

: : : : : : : : : : *Ranulph. H. Hunt. f.* 218 *b. n.* 40.

: : : : : : : : : : : *Geffrey* (Biſhop of *Durham*) *Regiſt. Eccl. Elien. in Bibl. Cotton. f.* 29 *a.*

Steph. *Alexander* Biſhop of *Lincoln*, *Will. Neubrigenſis lib.* 1. *cap.* 6.

: : : : : : : : : : : *Roger Pauper. Ord. Vit. p.* 319 C. D.

Anno 1153. 18 *Steph.* *Philip*, *Regiſt. Eccl. Elien. in Bibl. Cotton. f.* 32 *a.*

Anno 1157. 3 H. 2. *Thomas* Archdeacon of *Canterbury*, *R. Hoved.* 281 *b. n.* 20. (afterwards Archbiſhop) *Ro. Hoved.* 282 *a. n.* 20.

Anno 1173. 20 H. 2. *Raphe de Warnevill* (Sacriſt of *Roan*, and Treaſurer of *Yorke*) *Matth. Pariſ. in anno* 1173.

Anno 1181. 26 H. 2. *Geffrey*, natural Son to King *Henry* the 2d, *R. Hoved. f.* 349. *n.* 10. *Chancellor.*

: : : : : : : : : : *Walter de Bidun*, *Lel. col. Vol.* 1. *p.* 38.

Anno 1189. 1 R. 1. *Will. de Longcamp* (afterwards Biſhop of *Ely*) *R. Hoved. f.* 375 *a. n.* 40.

Anno 1198. 7 R. 1. *Euſtace* Biſhop of *Ely*, *R. Hoved. f.* 449 *a. n.* 40.

Anno 1199. 1 *Johan.* *Hubert* Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, *R. Hoved. f.* 451 *a. n.* 40. *Chancellor.*

Anno 1204. 6 *Joh.* *Hugh* Archdeacon of *Wells* (afterwards Biſhop of *Lincoln*) *M. Pariſ. in anno* 1205. *Chancellor.*

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Anno 1205. 7 *Joh.* *Walter de Gray, Cart. antiq. BB. n.* 22. (afterwards Bishop of *Worcester*) *Chancellor.*

Anno 1212. 14 *Joh.* *Richard de Mariſco, Mat. Weſtm. in eodem anno. Chancellor.*

Anno 1213. 15 *Joh.* *Raphe de Nevill*, Keeper of the Seal under *Peter de Roche* Bishop of *Winchester*, *Pat.* 15 *Joh. p.* 1. *m.* 6.

Anno 1223. 8 H. 3. *Richard de Mariſco* (Bishop of *Durham*) *Cl.* H. 3. *m.* 25. *Chancellor.*

Anno 1226. *Raphe Nevill* (Bishop of *Chicheſter*) 12 *Febr. Cart.* 12 H. 3. *m.* 28. *Chancellor.*

Anno 1230. The ſame *Raphe* conſtituted Keeper of the Seal 14 *Junii*, *Cart.* 15 H. 3. *m.* 8.

Anno 1238. 22 H. 3. *Geffrey* a Templar, and *John de Lexinton*, made Keepers of the Seal, *M. Pariſ. in eodem anno.*

Anno 1239. 23 H. 3. *Simon Norman*, from whom the Seal was taken, and delivered to *Richard* Abbot of *Eveſham*, *M. Pariſ. in eodem anno.*

Anno 1246. 30 H. 3. *Ranulph Briton*, *Mat. Pariſ. in eodem anno*, *Chancellor.*

Anno 1247. 31 H. 3. Mr. *Silveſter*, a Clerk of the Kings, executed the Office of the Chancellor, *M. Pariſ. in eodem anno.*

John de Lexinton had the Cuſtody of the Seal, 18 *Sept. Rot. Fin.* 31 H. 3. *m.* 2.

John Manſell Chancellor of the Cathedral of St. *Paul* in *London*, had the Cuſtody of the Seal, to execute the Office of Chancellor, *M. Pariſ. in eodem an. & Pat.* 31 H. 3. *m.* 2.

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Anno 1249. 33 H. 3. The ſame *John Mauſell* Provoſt of *Beverley* had the Cuſtody of the Seal, untill the Feaſt of St. *Mary* this year, *Pat.* 12 H. 3. *m.* 3.

Anno 1250. 34 H. 3. *Peter de Rievaulx*, and Mr. *Will. de Kilkenny*, had the Cuſtody of the Seal, *Glauſ.* 34 H. 3. *m.* 15.

Anno 1253. 37 H. 3. *P. Chaceport*, and *John de Lexinton* had the Cuſtody of the Seal, by reaſon that Mr. *W. (de Kilkenny)* was ſick 15 *Maii*, *Rot. Fin.* 37 H. 3. *m.* 9.

XXII. *Junii* the Queen had the Cuſtody thereof, the King then going into *Gaſcoign*, *Pat.* 37 H. 3. *m.*

Anno 1254. 38 H. 3. Mr. *Will. de Kilkenny*, the Kings Clerk, ſupplied the Office of Chancellor, *M. Pariſ. in eodem anno.*

Anno 1255. 39 H. 3. *H. de Wengham* Clerk, had the Cuſtody of the Seal, *M. Pariſ. in eodem anno.*

Anno 1258. 42 H. 3. VI. *Maii*, *W. de Merton* had the Cuſtody of the Seal, by reaſon that *Henry de Wengham* was ſick, *Pat.* 42 H. 3. *m.* 29.

Anno 1260. 44 H. 3. Mr. *N.* Archdeacon of *Ely* had the Cuſtody of the Seal, *M. Weſtm. in eodem anno.*

Anno 1261. 45 H. 3. *Walter de Merton* made Chancellor without the adviſe of the Barons, *M. Weſtm. in eodem anno*, & *Pat.* 45 H. 3. *m.* 18, & 19.

Anno 1263. 47 H. 3. Mr. *Nicholas* Archdeacon of *Ely* had the Cuſtody of the Seal, whilſt the King was beyond Sea, *Pat.* 47 H. 3. *m.* 1.

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Anno 1265. 49 H. 3. Mr. *John Chiſhull* Archdeacon of *London* had the Cuſtody of the Seal, *Clauſ.* 49 H. 3. *m.* 9.

On Wedneſday next after the Feaſt of St. *Peter in Cathedra* the Seal was delivered to Mr. *Thomas de Cantilupe*, *Clauſ.* 49 H. 3. *m.* 9. who was conſtituted *Chancellor* 16 *Martii*, *Pat.* 49 H. 3. *m.* 18.

W. Biſhop of *Bathe* and *Wells* made *Chancellor* 20 *Aug.* *Liberate de anno* 49 H. 3. *m.* 2.

Anno 1267. 51 H. 3. Mr. *Godfrey Giffard* (afterwards Biſhop of *Worceſter*) had the Cuſtody of the Seal, *Clauſ.* 52 H. 3. *m.* 7. & *m.* 16.

Anno 1269. 53 H. 3. *John Chiſhull* Dean of *London* had the Cuſtody of the Seal on Tueſday next after the Feaſt of the Apoſtles *Simon* and *Jude*, *Pat.* 53 H. 3. *m.* 29.

Richard de Middilton made Keeper of the Seal on Monday next before the Feaſt of St. *Peter ad vincula*, *Pat.* 53 H. 3. *m.* 6.

Anno 1272. 56 H. 3. *John de Kirkeby* made Keeper of the Seal (upon the death of *Rich. de Middilton* Chancellor) which *John* did thereupon aſſociate to himſelf in that truſt *P. de Winton* Keeper of the Kings Wardrobe, *Pat.* 56 H. 3. *m.* 6.

Anno 1274. 1 E. 1. *Walter de Merton*, *Clauſe* 1 *Edw.* 1. *m.* 10.

Robert Burnell Archdeacon of *Yorke*, (afterwards Biſhop of *Bathe* and *Wells*) made Keeper of the Seal upon St. *Matthew*

the Apoſtles day, *Pat.* 2 *Edw.* 1. *m.* 8.

Anno 1284. 12 E. 1. This *Robert* going from *Aberconwey* to *Acton-Burnell*, delivered the Seal unto *Hugh de Kendall* and *Walter de Odyham*, Pat. 12 E. 1. *m.* 7.

Anno 1286. 14 E. 1. He attended the King into *France*, being his *Chancellor*, and took the Great Seal with him, on Munday next preceding the Feaſt of St. *Dunſtan*, *Pat.* 14 E. 1. *m.* 9.

Anno 1289. 17 E. 1. On Friday next preceding the *Aſſumption* of our *Lady* he return'd with the King out of *France*, and the Seal, *Pat.* 17 E. 1. *m.* 13.

Anno 1292. 20 E. 1. *Walter de Langton* Keeper of the Kings Wardrobe, made Keeper of the Seal at *Berwick*, on Saturday preceding the Feaſt of the Apoſtles *Simon* and *Jude*, *Pat.* 20 E. 1. *m.* 2.

Anno 1293. 21 E. 1. *John de Langton* made *Chancellor*, *Pat.* 21 E. 1. *m.* 23. afterwards Elect Biſhop of *Ely*, *Pat.* 26 E. 1. *m.* 10.

Anno 1302. 30 E. 1. Mr. *Will. de Grenefeld* Dean of *Chicheſter*, made *Chancellor* on Sunday being the morrow after the Feaſt of St. *Michael*, *Clauſ.* 30 E. 1. *m.* 5.

Anno 1303. 31 E. 1. The Great Seal delivered unto him on Tueſday before the Feaſt of St. *Lucie* the Virgin, *Clauſ.* 31 E. 1. *in dorſo m.* 18.

Anno 1305. 33 E. 1. *Will. de Hamelton*, Dean of *Yorke*, made *Chancellor*, had the Great Seal delivered unto him 16 *Jan.* *Pat.* 33 E. 1. *p.* 1. *m.* 21.

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Anno 1307. 35 E. 1. *Ranf de Baudale* Biſhop of *London* made *Chancellor*, and Keeper of the Seal, *Rot. Fin.* 35 E. 1. *m.* 1.

Anno 1308. 1 E. 2. *John de Langton* Biſhop of *Chicheſter* made *Chancellor*, &c. *Rot. Fin.* 1 E. 2. *m.* 9.

Anno 1311. 4 E. 2. *Walt.* (*Reginald*) Biſhop of *Worceſter* had the Cuſtody of the Seal 8 *Julii*, *Clauſ.* 4 E. 2. *m.* 6. *in dorſo.*

Anno 1312. 5 E. 2. He was the Kings *Chancellor*, *Clauſ.* 5 E. 2. *in dorſo.*

Anno 1315. 8 E. 2. *John de Sandale* (afterwards Biſhop of *Winchester*) the King's *Chancellor*, *Pat.* 8 E. 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 2.

Anno 1318. 11 E. 2. *John Hothum* Biſhop of *Ely*, *Pat.* 11 E. 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 8.

Anno 1320. 13 E. 2. *John* (*Salmon*) Biſhop of *Norwich*, named *Chancellor* by the King in full Parliament, received the Seal, *Clauſ.* 13 E. 2. *in dorſo*, *m.* 9.

Anno 1323. 16 E. 2. *Will. de Ayrmin* (Mr. of the Rolls in Chancery) had the Cuſtody of the Great Seal, *John* Biſhop of *Norwich* being then ſick, *Clauſ.* 14 E. 2. *m.* ...

Anno 1324. 17 E. 2. *Robert de Baldok* Archdeacon of *Middleſex* made *Chancellor* 20 *Aug. Clauſ.* 17 E. 2. *m.* ...

Anno 1328. 1 E. 3. *John de Hothum* Biſhop of *Ely* had the Cuſtody of the Great Seal 28 *Jan.* and to do therewith what belong'd to the *Chancellor*, *Clauſ.* 1 *Edw.* 3. *p.* 1. *in dorſo m.* 25.

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Anno 1329. 2 E. 3. *Henry de Clyff* Mr. of the Rolls in Chancery, and *Will. de Herlaſton* Clerk of the Chancery, made Keepers of the Seal 1 *Martii*, *Clauſ.* 2 *E.* 3. *in dorſo. m.* 33.

Henry de Burgherſh Chancellor of *England*, *Pat.* 2 *E.* 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 34. to whom the King committed the Cuſtody of the Great Seal 12 *Maii*, *Clauſ.* 2 *E.* 3. *in dorſo m.* 26.

Anno 1331. 4 E. 3. *John de Stratford* Biſhop of *Wincheſter* made Keeper of the Great Seal 28 *Nov.* *Clauſ.* 4 *E.* 3. *in dorſo m.* 16.

Anno 1333. 6 E. 3. Mr. *Robert de Stratford*, brother to *John* Biſhop of *Wincheſter*, had the Cuſtody of the Seal, whilſt his brother was imployed upon the Kings buſineſs 23 *Junii*, *Clauſ.* 6 *E.* 3. *in dorſo m.* 22.

Anno 1334. 7 E. 3. *Will.* Archbiſhop of *York* Keeper of the Great Seal, by the Kings command delivered it to *Henry de Edneſtowe*, *Thomas de Baunburgh*, and *John de St. Paul*, upon Thurſday the *Epiphany* of our Lord, *Clauſ.* 7 *E.* 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 4. *in dorſo.*

Anno 1335. 8 E. 3. *John de Stratford* elect Archbiſhop of *Canterbury* confirmed *Chancellor* the 6th. of *Apr.* delivered the Great Seal unto Mr. *Rob. de Stratford* his brother to be kept, *Clauſ.* 8 *E.* 3. *m.* 27. *in dorſo.*

Richard Biſhop of *Durham* being made *Chancellor* had the Great Seal delivered to him 28 *Sept.* *Ibid. in dorſ. m.* 10.

Anno 1336. 9 E. 3. *John* Archbiſhop of *Canterbury* made *Chancellor* had the Great Seal delivered to him 6 *Junii*, *Clauſ.* 9 *Edw.* 3. *m.* 23.

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Anno 1338. 11 E. 3. Mr. *Rob. de Stratford* Archdeacon of *Canterbury*, and elect Biſhop of *Chicheſter*, made *Chancellor* and Keeper of the Great Seal 23 *Oct. Pat.* 11 E. 3. *p.* 3. *m.* 11.

Anno 1339. 12 E. 3. Mr. *Richard de Bynteworth* elect Biſhop of *London* made *Chancellor* and Keeper of the Seal 6 *Julii*, *Cl.* 22 E. 3. *p.* 2. *in dorſo m.* 23.

Anno 1340. 13 E. 3. Upon the death of this *Richard* the great Seal was committed to the Cuſtody of *John de St. Paul* Maſter of the Rolls in Chancery, *Mich. de Wath* and *Thomas de Baunburgh* 8 *Dec. Clauſ.* 13 E. 3. *p.* 3. *in dorſo m.* 11.

Anno 1341. 14 E. 3. *John de St. Paul* ſolely conſtituted Keeper of the Great Seal 13 *Febr. Clauſ.* 14 E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 42. *in dorſo.*

John Archbiſhop of *Cant.* made *Chancellor* and Keeper of the Great Seal 28 *Apr. Clauſ.* 14 E. 3. *p.* 1. *m.* 27. *in dorſo.*

Robert Biſhop of *Chicheſter* the Kings *Chancellor* delivered up the Great Seal to the King upon Thurſday being the Feaſt day of St. *Andrew* the Apoſtle, *Clauſ.* 14 E. 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 12.

Anno 1341. 14 E. 3. Sir *Robert Burgchier* Knight being made *Chancellor* on Thurſday next following St. *Lucie* the Virgin, had the Great Seal then delivered to him by the King, *Clauſ.* 14 E. 3. *p.* 2. *in dorſo m.* 20.

Anno 1342. 15 E. 3. *Robert Parnyng* the Kings *Chancellor* had the Great Seal delivered to him by the King 27 *Oct. Cl.* 15 E. 3. *p.* 3. *in dorſo m.* 13.

Anno 1344. 17 E. 3. *Robert de Sadington* made *Chancellor* had the Great Seal delivered to him upon *Michaelmaſſe*

chaelmaſſ: day, *Clauſ.* 17 E. 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 20. *in dorſo.*

Anno 1346. 19 E. 3. Mr. *John de Offord* made *Chancellor*, had the Great Seal delivered to him upon the 26 of *Octob. Pat.* 19 E. 3. *p.* 2. *m.* 7.

Anno 1347. 20 E. 3. *John de Thoresby* had the Great Seal delivered to him 2 *Julii*, *John de Offord* the Kings *Chancellor* then going beyond Sea, *Clauſ.* 20 E. 3. *p.* 2. *in dorſo m.* 26.

Anno 1350. 23 E. 3. *John* Biſhop of St. *Davids* made *Chancellor*, had the Great Seal delivered to him 16 *Junii*, *Clauſ.* 23 E. 3. *p.* 1. *in dorſo m.* 8.

Anno 1357. 30 E. 3. *Will. de Edington* Biſhop of *Winchester* made *Chancellor*, had the Great Seal delivered to him 19 *Febr. Clauſ.* 30 E. 3. *in dorſo m.* 4.

Anno 1363. 36 E. 3. *Simon de Langham* Biſhop of *Ely* had the Great Seal deliver'd to him by the King 19 *Febr. Cl.* 30 E. 3. *in dorſo m.* 39.

Anno 1368. 41 E. 3. *Will. de Wickham* Biſhop of *Winchester* made *Chancellor* 17 *Sept. Cart.* 41 E. 3.

Anno 1372. 45 E. 3. Sir *Robert de Thorpe* Knight made *Chancellor* 26 *Martii*, had the Great Seal then delivered to him by the King, *Clauſ.* 45 E. 3. *in dorſo m.* 35.

Anno 1373. 46 E. 3. *John Knyvet* made *Chancellor* and Keeper of the Great Seal, *Clauſ.* 46 E. 3. *in dorſo m.* 12.

Anno 1377. 50 E. 3. *Adam de Houghton* Biſhop of St. *Davids* made *Chancellor* 11 *Jan.* On which day the Great Seal was delivered to him, *Clauſ.* 50 E. 3. *in dorſo. p.* 2. *m.* 7.

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Anno 1379. 2 R. 2. Sir *Richard le Scrope* Knight made *Chancellor*, had the Great Seal delivered to him, *Pat.* 2 R. 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 24.

Anno 1380. 3 R. 2. *Simon de Sudbury* Archbiſhop of *Canterbury* made *Chancellor* and Keeper of the Great Seal on Munday next after the Converſion of St. *Paul*, *Clauſ.* 3 R. 2. *in dorſo m.* 22.

Anno 1381. 4 R. 2. *Will. de Courtney* Biſhop of *London* made *Chancellor* on Saturday being the Feaſt of St. *Laurence*, *Clauſ.* 5 R. 2. *in dorſo m.* 35.

Anno 1382. 5 R. 2. Sir *Richard Scrope* Knight made *Chancellor* and Keeper of the Great Seal on Wedneſday next after the Feaſt of St. *Andrew* the Apoſtle, *Pat.* 5 R. 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 1.

Anno 1383. 6 R. 2. *Robert de Braybroke* Biſhop of *London* made *Chancellor*, had the Great Seal delivered to him on Saturday being the Eve of St. *Matthew* the Apoſtle, *Clauſ.* 6 R. 2. *p.* 1. *in dorſo m.* 24.

Sir *Michael de la Pole* Knight made *Chancellor*, and Keeper of the Great Seal 13 *Martii*, *Clauſ.* 6 R. 2. *p.* 2. *in dorſo m.* 12.

Anno 1387. 10 R. 2. *Thomas de Arundell* Biſhop of *Ely* made *Chancellor*, and Keeper of the Great Seal 24 *Oct. Clauſ.* 20 R. 2. *m.* 35.

Anno 1389. 12 R. 2. *Will. de Wickham* Biſhop of *Wincheſter* again made *Chancellor*, had the Great Seal delivered unto him 4 *Maii*, *Pat.* 12 R. 2. *p.* 2. *m.* 7.

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Anno 1392. 15 R. 2. *Thomas de Arundell* Archbiſhop of *Canterb.* made *Chancellor* 7 *Sept.* had the Great Seal delivered to him, *Pat.* 15 R. 2. *p.* 1. *m.* 19.

Anno 1397. 20 R. 2. *Edmund de Stafford* Biſhop of *Exeter* made Keeper of the Great Seal 23 *Nov. Clauſ.* 20 R. 2. *p.* 1. *in dorſo m.* 22.

Anno 1400. 1 H. 4. *John de Scarle* Maſter of the Rolls in Chancery made *Chancellor* and Keeper of the Great Seal 15 *Nov. Pat.* 1 H. 4. *p.* 3. *m.* 27.

Anno 1401. 2 H. 4. *Edmund* Biſhop of *Exeter* made *Chancellor* and Keeper of the Great Seal 9 *Martii*, *Clauſ.* 2 H. 4. *p.* 2. *in dorſo m.* 3.

Anno 1404. 5 H. 4. *Henry Beaufort* Biſhop of *Lincoln* Chancellor *Pat.* 5 H. 4. *p.* 2. *m.* 28.

Anno 1405. 6 H. 4. *Thomas Langley* Biſhop of *Durham* Chancellor, *Godw. de Præſul.*

Anno 1407. 8 H. 4. *Thomas* Archbiſhop of *Canterb.* made *Chancellor* and Keeper of the Great Seal 30 *Jan. Clauſ.* 8 H. 4. *in dorſo m.* 23.

Anno 1410. 11 H. 4. *John Wakering* Clerk, Maſter of the Rolls in Chancery, had the Cuſtody of the Great Seal 19 *Jan. Clauſ.* 11 H. 4. *in dorſo m.* 8

Sir *Thomas Beaufort* Knight made *Chancellor*, had the Great Seal delivered to him 31 *Jan. Clauſ.* 11 H. 4. *in dorſo m.* 8.

Anno 1414. 1 H. 5. *Henry de Beaufort* Biſhop of *Wincheſter* made *Chancellor* and Keeper of the Great Seal *Clauſ.* 1 H. 5.

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Anno 1417. 4 H. 5. *Simon Garnſtede* Clerk, Maſter of the Rolls in Chancery, had the Cuſtody of the Great Seal from 4. *Sept.* untill the 12th. of *Oct. Clauſ.* 4 *H.* 5. *in dorſo m.* 13.

Henry Biſhop of *Wincheſter* had the Great Seal delivered to him 12 *Octob. Clauſ.* 4 H. 5. *in dorſo m.* 13.

Anno 1418. 5 H. 5. *Thomas de Langley* Biſhop of *Durham* had the Great Seal delivered to him by the King 23 *Junii*, *Clauſ.* 5 *H.* 5. *in dorſo m.* 15.

Anno 1423. 1 H. 6. *Thomas* Biſhop of *Durham* made *Chancellor* by the advice and conſent of all the Councell in Parliament, *Pat.* 1 *H.* 6. *p.* 4. *m.* 19.

Anno 1424. 2 H. 6. *Henry Beaufort* Biſhop of *Wincheſter*, made *Chancellor*, had the Great Seal delivered to him 16 *Julii*, *Clauſ.* 2 *H.* 6. *in dorſo m.* 2.

Anno 1426. 4 H. 6. *John Kempe* Biſhop of *London* made *Chancellor*, &c. ... *Martii*, *Clauſ.* 4 *H.* 6. *in dorſo*, *m.* 8.

Anno 1432. 10 H. 6. *John Stafford* Biſhop of *Bathe* made *Chancellor* &c. 28 *Febr. Clauſ.* 10 *H.* 6. *in dorſo m.* 8.

Anno 1433. 11 H. 6. *John Hank* Clerk, Maſter of the Rolls in Chancery, received from *John Stopyngton* Clerk on the behalf of the Lord Chancellor of *England* the Great Seal to uſe and exerciſe 22 *Apr. Clauſ.* 11 *H.* 6. *in dorſo m.* 12.

Anno 1450. 28 H. 6. *John* Archbiſhop of *Yorke*, and Cardinal, made *Chancellor* 31 *Jan. Clauſ.* 28 *H.* 6. *in dorſo m.* 7.

Anno 1454. 32 H. 6. *Richard* Earl of *Salisbury* made *Chancellor* 2 *Apr. Clauſ.* 32 H. 6. *in dorſo m.* 8.

Anno 1455. 33 H. 6. *Thomas Bourchier* Archbiſhop of *Canterbury* made *Chancellor* 7 *Martii*, *Clauſ.* 33 H. 6. *in dorſo m.* 9.

Anno 1557. *Will. Wickham* Biſhop of *Wincheſter* made *Chancellor* 11 *Oct. Clauſ.* 35 H. 6. *m.* 10. *in dorſo.*

Anno 1460. 38 H. 6. *George Nevill* Biſhop of *Exeter* made *Chancellor* 25 *Julii*, *Clauſ.* 38 H. 6. *in dorſo m.* 7.

Anno 1468. 7 E. 4. *Robert Stillington* Biſhop of *Bathe* and *Wells* made *Chancellor* 8 *Junii*, *Clauſ.* 7 E. 4. *m.* 12. *in dorſo.*

Anno 1473. 12 E. 4. *John Alcock* Biſhop of *Rocheſter* made Keeper of the Great Seal 20 *Sept. Clauſ.* 12 E. 4. *m.* 16. *in dorſo.*

Anno 1474. 13 E. 4. *Laurence* Biſhop of *Durham* made *Chancellor* &c. 5 *Junii*, *Clauſ.* 13 E. 4. *m.* 3.

Anno 1475. 14 E. 4. *Thomas Rotheram* Biſhop of *Lincoln* made *Chancellor*, *Godw. de Præſul.*

Anno 1484. 1 R. 3. *John Ruſſell* Biſhop of *Lincoln* made *Chancellor* 26 *Nov. Clauſ.* 1 R. 3. *in dorſo.*

Anno 1485. 3 R. 3. *Thomas Barow*, Maſter of the Rolls, made Keeper of the Great Seal 1 *Aug. Clauſ.* 3 R. 3.

Anno 1486. 1 H. 7. *John Alcock* Biſhop of *Ely* made *Chancellor* upon Munday 6 *Martii*, *Cl.* 1 H. 7. *in dorſo.*

Anno 1487. 2 H. 7. *John Morton* Archbiſhop of *Canterbury* made *Chancellor* 8 *Aug. Pat.* 2 H. 7. *p.* 2.

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Anno 1501. 16 H. 7. *Henry Deane* Biſhop of *Salisbury* (upon the death of *John Morton*) had the Great Seal delivered to him 13 *Octob. Clauſ.* 26 H. 7. *in dorſo.*

Anno 1500. 17 H. 7. *Will. Warham* Biſhop of *London*, elect of *Canterb.* had the Great Seal delivered to him 11 *Aug.* and was made *Chancellor* 1 *Jan.* following. *Clauſ.* 17 H. 7. *in dorſo.*

Anno 1516. 7 H. 8. *Thomas Wolſey* Lord Cardinal and Archbiſhop of *Yorke*, had the Great Seal delivered to him 7 *Decembr.* and was made *Chancellor*, *Clauſ.* 7 H. 8. *in dorſo.*

Anno 1530. 21 H. 8. Sir *Thomas More* Knight made *Lord Chancellor*, had the Great Seal delivered to him on Munday 25 *Octob. Clauſ.* 21 H. 8. *in dorſo.*

Anno 1533. 24 H. 8. *Thomas Audley* had the Great Seal delivered unto him on Munday 20 *Maii*, and then Knighted, *Clauſ.* 24 H. 8. *in dorſo.*

A New Seal made and delivered to him upon the 6th. of *Sept.* following, *Ibid.*

He was made *Chancellor* the 26th. of *Jan.* enſuing, *Ibid.*

Anno 1545. 36 H. 8. *Thomas* Lord *Wriotheſley* Lord Chancellor of *England* had the Great Seal delivered to him 3 *Maii*, *Clauſ.* 36 H. 8. *p.* 1.

Anno 1547. 1 E. 6. Sir *Will. Paulet* Knight, Lord *St. John* of *Baſing*, had the Great Seal delivered to him 29 *Junii*, *Pat.* 1 E. 6. *p.* 4.

Sir *Richard Riche* Knight made *Chancellor* of *England* 30 *Nov. Pat.* 1 E. 6. *p* 3. *m.* 14.

Anno 1551. 5 E. 6. *Thomas Goodricke* Biſhop of *Ely* made *Chancellor* of *England* 19 *Jan.* *Cl.* 5 E. 6. *p.* 5.

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Anno 1553. 1 Mar. *Steph. Gardner* Biſhop of *Wincheſter* made *Chancellor* of *England* 21 *Sept. Pat.* 1 *M. p.* 8.

Anno 1555. 3 M. *Nicholas Heath* Archbiſhop of *Yorke* made *Chancellor* of *England* on Wednesday 1 *Jan. Clauſ.* 2 & 3 *Ph. & Mar. in dorſo part* 11.

Anno 1559. 1 *Eliz.* Sir *Nicholas Bacon* Knight, Attorney of the Court of Wards, made Keeper of the Great Seal 22 *Decemb. Annal. Camd. & Pat.* 1 *Eliz. p.* 3.

Anno 1579. 21 *Eliz.* *Thomas Bromley*, the Queens Sollicitor General, made *Chancellor* of *England*, 25 *Apr. Clauſ.* 21 *Eliz. p.* 4. *in dorſo.*

Anno 1587. 29 *Eliz.* Sir *Chriſtopher Hatton* Knight made *Lord Chancellor* of *England* 29 *Apr. Clauſ.* 29 *Eliz. p.* 24. *in dorſo.*

Anno 1592. 34 *Eliz.* Sir *John Puckering* Knight, Serjeant at Law, had the Great Seal delivered to him 28 *Maii, Clauſ.* 34 *Eliz. p.* 14. *in dorſo.*

Anno 1596. 38 *Eliz.* Sir *Thomas Egerton* Knight, Maſter of the Rolls in Chancery, had the Great Seal delivered to him 26 *Maii, Clauſ.* 38 *Eliz. p.* 14. *in dorſo.*

Anno 1603. 1 *Jac.* Sir *Thomas Egerton* Knight, had the ſame Great Seal delivered to him by appointment of King *James* 5 *Apr. Clauſ.* 1 *Jac. p.* 12. *in dorſo.*

Upon the 29th. of *June* following that Great Seal was broke, and the New Seal of King *James* delivered to him, *Ibid.*

And on the 24th of *July* being advanced to the dignity of Lord *Elleſmere*, he was made *Lord Chancellor* of *England*, *Ibid.*

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Anno 1616. 14 *Jac.* Sir *Francis Bacon* Knight, the King's Attorney General, had the Great Seal committed to his Custody 7 *Martii*, *Claus.* 16 *Jac. in dorso part* 15.

Anno 1617. 15 *Jac.* The same Sir *Francis* (then Lord *Verulam*) made *Lord Chancellor* of *England* 4 *Jan. Claus.* 16 *Jac. in dorso p.* 15.

Anno 1620. 18 *Jac.* *Henry* Vicount *Mandevill* Lord President of the Councell, *Lodowike* Duke of *Richmund*, *William* Earl of *Pembroke*, and Sir *Julius Cæsar* Knight, Master of the Rolls, had the Great Seal committed to their Custody in *Lent.*

Anno 1621. 19 *Jac.* *John Williams*, Doctor in Divinity, and Dean of *Westminster*, (afterwards Bishop of *Lincoln*) had the Great Seal committed to his Custody 10 *Julii*, *Claus.* 19 *Jac. p.* 13. *in dorso.*

Anno 1625. 1 *Car.* 1. Sir *Thomas Coventre* Knight, Attorney General to the King, made Keeper of the Great Seal 1 *Nov.*

Anno 1639. 15 *Car* 1. Sir *John Finche* Knight, Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, had the Great Seal of *England* committed to his Custody 23 *Jan.*

Anno 1640. 16 *Car.* 1. Sir *Edward Littleton* Knight, Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, had the Great Seal of *England* committed to his Custody 23 *Jan.*

Anno 1645. 21 *Car.* 1. Sir *Richard Lane* Knight, Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, had the Great Seal of *England* commmitted to his Custody 30 *Aug.*

Anno 1657. 9 Car. 2. Sir *Edward Hide* Knight, Chancellor of the Exchequer to King *Charles* the First, had the Great Seal of *England* committed to his Custody 13 *Jan.*

And was made *Lord Chancellor* of *England* at *Bruges* in *Flanders* 29 *Jan.* following.

Anno 1667. 19 Car. 2. Sir *Orlando Bridgeman* Knight and Baronet, Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, had the Great Seal of *England* committed to his Custody 30 *Aug.*

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